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General Comment

I strongly support EPA's current efforts to develop, implement and enforce a TDML for Chesapeake Bay. Our collective history of voluntary state actions has been a dismal failure. Now you have the opportunity and authority to make real, substantial progress toward achieving water quality goals for the bay. However, none of the draft state WIPs submitted to EPA meet even a minimum acceptable standard. Most importantly, none of the draft WIPs provide reasonable assurances that significant non-point source reductions will actually be achieved. Unless EPA firmly corrects these deficiencies, you will ensure a polluted, sick Chesapeake Bay for decades to come.